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APPLICANT: Joseph Sforzo  
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FOR: Computerized Method, Apparatus and System For Issuing Surety Bonds

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant requests that the time to respond to the Office Action dated August 6, 2004 be extended one month, i.e., until October 6, 2004. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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